

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A non-asbestos friction material made by molding and curing a composition comprising a fibrous base other than asbestos, a binder, a filler and an abrasive; wherein the abrasive includes zirconium silicate beads having a spherical shape and an average particle size of 15 to 500 μm .
2. **(Cancelled)**
3. **(Original)** The non-asbestos friction material of claim 1, having a zirconium silicate bead content of 0.5 to 25 vol%, based on the overall composition.
4. **(Previously Presented)** The non-asbestos friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base includes metal fibers.
5. **(Previously Presented)** The non-asbestos friction material of claim 1, wherein the fibrous base includes copper fibers.
6. **(Previously Presented)** The non-asbestos friction material of claim 1, wherein the average particle size of the zirconium silicate beads is at least 30 μm .
7. **(Previously Presented)** The non-asbestos friction material of claim 1, wherein the average particle size of the zirconium silicate beads is at least 50 μm .

8. (Previously Presented) The non-asbestos friction material of claim 1, wherein the average particle size of the zirconium silicate beads is not more than 300 μm .

9. (Previously Presented) The non-asbestos friction material of claim 1, wherein the average particle size of the zirconium silicate beads is not more than 150 μm .

10. (Previously Presented) The non-asbestos friction material of claim 3, wherein the zirconium silicate bead content is at least 3 vol%, based on the overall composition.

11. (Previously Presented) The non-asbestos friction material of claim 3, wherein the zirconium silicate bead content is not more than 15 vol%, based on the overall composition.

12. (Previously Presented) The non-asbestos friction material of claim 3, wherein the zirconium silicate bead content is not more than 8 vol%, based on the overall composition.